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SUBJECT: LOCATING AND ASSISTING VIETNAMESE RELATIVES REMAINING  
IN VIETNAM

1. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES FROM PERSONS IN THE US  
SEEKING OUR ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING AND FACILITATING THE EXIT  
FROM VIETNAM AND SUBSEQUENT ENTRY INTO THE US OF CERTAIN RELATIVES  
REMAINING IN VIETNAM. MOST OF THESE RELATE TO VIETNAMESE WHO  
WOULD APPEAR TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR IMMIGRANT VISAS AS IMMEDIATE  
RELATIVES OR AS THE BENEFICIARIES OF RELATIVE PETITIONS. WE  
ASSUME THAT THE ADDRESSEES MUST RECEIVE AT LEAST AS MANY OF THESE  
REQUESTS AS WE DO AND WE ALSO ASSUME THAT THESE QUERIES WILL  
CONTINUE. IF THESE ASSUMPTIONS ARE CORRECT, WE BELIEVE THAT  
AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WILL BE HELPFUL SO THAT OUR REPLIES  
WILL BE CONSISTENT AND RESPONSIVE.

ON THE MATTER OF LOCATING A RELATIVE IN VIETNAM WE ROUTINELY  
REFER THE WRITER TO THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AS THE ONLY  
GROUP WITH ANY CAPABILITY AT ALL OF LOCATING PERSONS WITHIN  
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VIETNAM AND SUGGEST THAT THIS CONTACT BE MADE THROUGH THE

AMERICAN RED CROSS.THIS APPEARS TO BE THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM.

2. FREQUENTLY THE INQUIRER STATES THAT HE HAS HEARD THAT DEPARTURE FROM VIETNAM IS MORE LIKELY TO BE APPROVED IF THE DEPARTEE CAN SHOW THAT HE OR SHE HAS A VISA TO ENTER ANOTHER COUNTRY. WE CANNOT CONFIRM THAT THIS MIGHT FACILITATE DEPARTURE AND WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS FROM THOSE IN A BETTER POSITION TO KNOW. AT THE SAME TIME WE WONDER AS TO THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES WOULD PERMIT SUCH PERSONS TO DEPART FOR EMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES WITH OR WITHOUT A VISA TO AN INTERMEDIARY POINT. WE HAVE NOT PURSUED THE QUESTION OF ISSUANCE OF HONG KONG VISAS IN SUCH CASES WITH THE UPPER ECHELONS OF HKG BUT THE WORKING LEVEL OF HK IMMIGRATION HAS TOLD US THAT THEY WOULD BE CHARY OF AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH VISAS UNLESS THE CASES WOULD INVOLVE EXTREME HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS AND THERE WOULD BE ASSURANCE THAT THE PERSONS WILL RECEIVE VISAS TO ENTER ANOTHER COUNTRY. WE CANNOT, OF COURSE, GUARANTEE THE ISSUANCE OF VISA EVEN IF WE HAVE THE APPROVED PETITION. THE HKG IS TRYING TO BE OF SOME ASSISTANCE TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO BRING THEIR RELATIVES OUT OF VIETNAM BUT AS HKG DOES NOT WANT TO APPEAR AS A REFUGE FOR VIETNAMESE THEIR CAUTION WITH THE RELATIVES OF NON-RESIDENTS IS PREDICTABLE. WE HAVE NOT PURSUED THE MATTER FURTHER BECAUSE WE DO NOT WANT TO ELICIT A COMPLETELY NEGATIVE RESPONSE.

3. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN HAVING AN ESTIMATE OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE ADDRESSEE HOST GOVTS ADMITTING SUCH VIETNAMESE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURSUING THEIR IV APPLICATIONS.  
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